

CHAPTER 4

SAILING ORDER

- 4-1. **GENERAL.** This chapter contains minimum requirements for publishing a sailing order directing Army watercraft missions.
- 4-2. **APPLICATION.** Commanders and vessel masters will ensure that a sailing order is published in accordance with AR 56-9 for each Army watercraft before departing home port.
- 4-3. **SAILING ORDER INFORMATION.** Each sailing order will contain the information in the sample sailing order shown in Figure 4-1, page 4-2.
- 4-4. **DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING THE SAILING ORDER.** The following documents (as appropriate to the class of vessel) will be provided in support of the sailing order.
- a. **Mission Risk Assessment.** See Chapter 3, Risk Management.
 - b. **Voyage Plan.** Each voyage plan will contain the information in the same voyage plan as shown in Figure 4-2, page 4-3.
 - c. **Class A Vessel Presail Checklist.** Each Class A Vessel Presail Checklist will contain the information as shown in the sample checklist in Figure 4-3, page 4-4.
 - d. **Class B Vessel Presail Checklist.** Each Class B Vessel Presail Checklist will contain the information as shown in the sample checklist in Figure 4-4, page 4-5.
 - e. **Crew/Passenger List.** Each Crew/Passenger List will contain the information as shown in the sample list in Figure 4-5, page 4-6.
- 4-5. **REUSABLE FORMS.** To ensure concurrence with AR 56-9 and fleet wide standardization for issuing sailing orders, each command is encouraged to reprint and use the forms in this chapter.

HEADQUARTERS

Sailing Order Number _____

US Army Vessel _____

1. ETD home port _____

2. When in all respects ready for sea, and the Presail Checklist, Risk Assessment, Crew/Passenger List, and Voyage Plan are submitted to the Harbormaster, vessel will proceed to

Upon completion of mission, return to _____

3. This order is subject to revision while underway or in port by competent military authorities.

4. IAW higher Headquarter's SOP/Directives, Master will make the following reports to:

Frequency/Channels: _____ Times: _____

1) vessel's position, 2) any deviation to voyage plan to include reason(s) and adjusted ETA, 3) destination arrival time, 4) weather and sea state.

5. Considering controls that have been instituted, the risk for this mission is assessed at E, H, M, L, (circle one) level. It is understood that when faced with unforeseen risks, the Master will do everything possible for the safety of his crew and the prevention of damage to the vessel.

6. Disagreements in acceptability of risk are as noted below (initial each comment).

7. Signature of the risk level authority constitutes an order to proceed despite of noted disagreements.

Vessel Master

Risk Level Authority

Harbormaster

Figure 4-1. Sample sailing order

Figure 4-2. Sample voyage plan

VESSEL _____ IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AR 56-9 AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS SATISFACTORY AND READY FOR SEA. THIS VESSEL IS CREWED WITH PROPERLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THEIR JOB AND DRILLED IN EMERGENCY PROCEDURES. ALL TEST DRILLS AND INSPECTIONS (TDI) REQUIRED BY THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS VESSEL HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING LIST SHOWS STATUS OF VESSEL EQUIPMENT, CHARTS, AND PUBLICATIONS.

DATE _____

VESSEL _____

COMMUNICATIONS	SAT	UNSAT	PUBLICATIONS	SAT	UNSAT		SAT	UNSAT
BRIDGE TO BRIDGE			CHARTS			EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (EPIRB)		
TACTICAL			LIGHT LIST/LIST OF LIGHTS			LIFE RINGS W/90 FEET LINE/SMOKE/LIGHTS		
HIGH FREQUENCY			COAST PILOTS/SAILING DIRECTIONS			LIFE JACKETS W/LIGHTS/WHISTLES/REFLECTIVE TAPE		
NAVIGATION			WORLDWIDE WEATHER FORECASTS			WORK VESTS W/LIGHTS/WHISTLES/REFLECTIVE TAPE		
RADAR			SHIP'S MEDICINE CHEST			ANTI-EXPOSURE COVERALLS/IMMERSION SUITS W/LIGHTS/WHISTLES/REFLECTIVE TAPE		
GYRO AND MAGNETIC COMPASSES			TCFE REG 210-6			FIREMAN'S ENSEMBLES		
WHISTLES/HORN			10TH TRANS BN POLICIES			OXYGEN BREATHING APPARATUSES		
GPS/SAT BAY			SIGHT REDUCTION TABLES			SHIP'S MEDICAL KIT		
DEPTH SOUNDER			NAUTICAL ALMANAC			LITTER W/STRAPS, FLotation COLLAR, LIFTING SLING, BALLAST		
NAVIGATION LIGHTS			STATION BILL			EMERGENCY LIFEBOAT RADIO		
ANCHORS W/CHAIN			SHIP'S RADIO AUTHORIZATION			DAMAGE CONTROL EQUIPMENT		
SEARCH LIGHT			LOADLINE CERTIFICATE			TOWING GEAR		
BELL			RADIO NAVIGATION AIDS			CARGO RESTRAINING DEVICES		
INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS			3RD PORT SOP			PAINT LOCKER HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PROPERLY STORED		
PUBLICATIONS			ARs 56-9, 385-40 DA PAM 385-40			FIRE BLANKETS		
NAVIGATION RULES			SAFETY EQUIPMENT			EMERGENCY BATTERIES		
DMA PUB 102, INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS			LIFERAFTS/LIFEBOATS W/HYDROSTATIC RELEASES			PORTABLE PUMP		
TIDE TABLES			DISTRESS FLARES (12 RED PARACHUTES)			FIRE/SMOKE DETECTING SYSTEM		
CURRENT TABLES			LINE THROWING DEVICE			INTERNAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS		
COMPASS DEVIATION CARD			PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS			RUDDER ANGLE INDICATOR		
MANUEVERING INFORMATION			FIXED FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM					
LOGBOOKS (DECK, RADIOS, REFUSE)			FIRE HOSES, NOZZLES, & APPLICATIONS					

THE LAST SANITATION INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY _____ PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ACTIVITY ON _____
VESSEL GALLEY [WILL] [WILL NOT] BE UTILIZED. THE FOLLOWING TYPE MEALS WILL BE CONSUMED BY PERSONNEL ABOARD _____
A-RATIONS _____ B-RATIONS _____ C-RATIONS _____ BOX LUNCHES _____ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
THE LAST POTABLE WATER SAMPLE WAS TURNED IN: _____

VESSEL MASTER SIGNATURE: _____ HARBORMASTER SIGNATURE BLOCK

Figure 4-3. Sample presail operational checklist for class A vessels

VESSEL _____ IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AR 56-9 AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS SATISFACTORY AND READY FOR SEA. THIS VESSEL IS CREWED WITH PROPERLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THEIR JOB AND DRILLED IN EMERGENCY PROCEDURES. ALL TEST DRILLS AND INSPECTIONS (TDI) REQUIRED BY _____ THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS VESSEL HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING LIST SHOWS STATUS OF VESSEL EQUIPMENT, CHARTS, AND PUBLICATIONS.

DATE _____ VESSEL _____

COMMUNICATIONS	SAT	UNSAT	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	SAT	UNSAT
BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RADIO			PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER		
TACTICAL RADIO W/SOI			FIXED FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM		
PUBLICATIONS			LIFE RINGS W/90 FEET LINE, LIGHTS		
NAVIGATION RULES			EMERGENCY STEERING GEAR		
DMA PUB 102, INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS			DAMAGE CONTROL EQUIPMENT		
TIDE TABLES			LIFE JACKETS W/LIGHTS, WHISTLES, REFLECTIVE TAPE (1 PER PERSON)		
CURRENT TABLES			ANTI-EXPOSURE COVERALLS W/LIGHTS, WHISTLES, REFLECTIVE TAPE		
COMPASS DEVIATION CARD			WORK VESTS W/LIGHTS, WHISTLES, REFLECTIVE TAPE		
STATION BILL			CODE FLAGS (A,B,D,U,V,W)		
MANEUVERING INFORMATION			MEDICAL KIT		
LOGBOOKS DECK/ENGINE, RADIOS			DISTRESS FLARES (12 SMOKE/ILLUMINATED)		
CHARTS			PAINT/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROPERLY STORED		
AR 56-9					
FM 21-11/SHIP'S MEDICINE					
NAVIGATION					
HORN/WHISTLE					
COMPASS					
SPOT/SEARCHLIGHT					
STEERING SYSTEMS					
NAVIGATION LIGHTS					
BELL					
ANCHOR W/CHAIN					

HARBORMASTER'S SIGNATURE AND STAMP _____ COXSWAIN SIGNATURE _____

Figure 4-4. Sample presail operational checklist for class B vessels

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Figure 4-5. Sample crew/passenger list